

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of:) Examiner: NYA
Eggo Sichmann, et al.) Art Unit: NYA
Serial No.: NYA)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR AVOIDING GAS BUBBLES)
WHEN TRANSPORTING A)
LIQUID BY MEANS OF PUMPS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert --This application claims priority to German Application
Serial No. 100 45 659.6, filed September 15, 2000; German Application Serial No. 101 00 508.3,
filed January 8, 2001, and German Application No. 101 02 142.9, filed January 18, 2001.--